YIELDS PER ACRE GAIN FOR 40 YEARS

Northwest Especially Shows Crop Increase.

Washington.—Increased production of the important food and feed crops during the last 40 years is due in a considerable measure to the increase in yield per acre, according to B. O. Weitz, agricultural economist of the United States Department of Agriculture.

This acre-yield increase has been most notable in the long-settled northwestern section of the United States, where some of the land has been supposed by many to be wearing out.

Since the population is growing steadily and most of the good land suitable for cultivation has already been taken up, the problem of soil productivity and fertility in relation to the future food supply will become a more and more important phase of land utilization.

The future trend of acre yields can best be estimated on the basis of past performances, says Mr. Weitz. Since 1883 the average yield per acre of corn in the United States has increased about 18 per cent, and potatoes about 40 per cent.

During this 40-year period the combined acreage of corn, wheat, oats and potatoes has been expanded about 52 per cent, whereas the total production of these crops has increased 77 per cent.

It seems safe to assume that developments in the coming years with regard to acre yields will depend as in the past to a great extent on the prices of agricultural products.

Archeological Finds Tend to Prove Bible

Berkeley, Calif. — In discovering what is believed to be ruins of the famous old Biblical city of Mispah in Palestine, William Frederic Bade, Berkeley scientist and professor of religion, has unearthed substantial verification of the history of the Old Testament, believes Dr. Herman Frank Swartz, president of the Pacific School of Religion.

Professor Bade, who is on leave of absence from the Berkeley religious institution, has "uncovered things of much greater historical interest than the skull of the 'bobbed-hair Venus,' " said Doctor Swartz, in disclosing that numerous boxes of prehistoric relics have been received from the excavator.

"His findings at Tel-El-Nasbeh (The Hill, Nasbeh) served to confirm, except as to details, which, of course, would be perishable, the Biblical accounts of the history in the Old Testament."

Ex-Kaiser's Chef Was Wilhelm II's Prisoner

Paris.—He cooked for the ex-kaiser after having been a prisoner of Wilhelm II's grandfather—and the ex-kaiser liked it. That is the record of G. A. Escoffier, dean of French chefs, still spry at eighty-seven.

"I have sent at least 200 cooks to America in 20 years," he recalls. "Most of them I trained outside of France, at the Savoy and Carlton in London, or aboard the Hamburg-American liners. But they were all Frenchmen and trained in the French tradition of cookery—naturally the best in the world.

"It was aboard the liner Berengaria, then the Imperator, that I first met the former emperor. They hesitated to hire me because I had been captured in the war of 1870 and had been treated—well, as prisoners are likely to be. However, I soon reassured his majesty that I had no intention of poisoning him."

British Workhouse Women Demand Bobbing of Hair

London.—Shingled hair has become so prevalent in England that even feminine inmates of workhouses demand it. This was revealed when, after a heated discussion, the Biggleswade (Bedfordshire) board of guardians voted to accept the offer of a local barber to shingle all the women in the local workhouse at the inclusive charge of $17.50 yearly.

Showing Up Blondes

New York.—A book by Detective Francis Curtin cites statistics that blondes constitute 76 per cent of persons convicted of crime.

27,650,267 Autos Now in Operation in World

Washington.—A world census of automobiles made public by the Commerce department recently indicated that on January 1, 1927, there were 27,650,267 automobiles, trucks and busses in operation all over the globe This was an increase of 3,170,038 over January 1, 1926.

The United States had in operation 80 per cent of the total, or 22,137,334 machines. The United Kingdom was second with 1,025,651, France third with 801,000, and Canada fourth with 820,918. Other countries with large quotas were in the order named: Australia, 395,615; Germany, 319,000; Argentina, 222,810; Italy, 183,177; Spain, 135,000, and New Zealand, 128,224.

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CRIPPLED BOY OF 17 WINS FAME AS ARTIST

Big Hunters Praise His Wild Animal Silhouettes.

Augusta, Ga.—Big game hunters and photographers who have scoured the jungles of Asia and Africa, are bestowing unlimited praise upon the wild animal silhouettes of seventeen-year-old Joe Jones of this city, a hopeless cripple who has seen no more wild life than in a circus parade.

Joe has won numerous prizes with his pictures, some of which are shown in the American Magazine, and his scissors have gained him the equivalent of a college education.

His pictures are marvelously realistic reproductions of animals and outdoor life generally. They are all cut free-hand, without any preliminary sketching or drawing. Three years ago, Joe's silhouettes won a prize of $50 in a nation-wide contest in which more than 2,000 persons, including many recognized artists, took part. He is busy now illustrating a book for children, which will appear soon.

Delights in Wild West Scenes.

He especially delights in cutting scenes in which cowboys or Jungle creatures figure. Some of his most admired groups are "Wild Horses at the Water Hole," "The Coon Hunt," "Jungle Night," "Cowboys With Broncho." And yet Joe Jones never saw a jungle creature or a bucking broncho in all his life! Indeed, he has never seen anything that can't be seen from his bed, for Joe has not walked in 12 years.

"The best place to see beautiful things is in your mind's eye, anyway," Joe told a friend one day. "As long as pictures paint themselves there, and stories act themselves out, you don't have to worry about being entertained. And if you encourage it a little, your mind's ear will provide you with almost as much fun."

When Joe was five years old, a serious illness left him without the use of his legs. At first, the doctors thought it would be a matter of a few months, or at most a year, before the boy would be able to walk and run again. In order to amuse himself while shut off from the active world of play, he began to cut from paper little scenes that suggested themselves to him from the stories his mother or some other member of the family read to him. From the start, these scissor-pictures showed a fine flair of drama and form.

Then one beautiful red-letter day, a circus came to town. Joe's big brother held him up to the window to watch the parade go by. There were gaudy ladies on prancing ponies, lions and tigers in gilded cages, and enormous elephants swinging their trunks in the air.

When he was back in bed again, Joe asked for a pair of scissors and a piece of paper. Later, he called to his mother to look, and there across his bed marched a line of paper animals. They were in the same order as those he had seen in the procession, and like them in every detail. From now on, he was chiefly interested in cutting animals and outdoor scenes.

One year dragged into three and four years, but still Joe was unable to walk. Finally, when he was fourteen, the doctors decided that there was a fragment of hope in an operation, followed by treatment that would mean a solid year strapped to a hospital cot.

Started in Hospital.

It was during the next long 12 months while he lay on his cot in the Scottish Rite hospital in Atlanta that Joe began to do really serious work with his silhouettes. One of the nurses planned some of his pictures to be walls of the reception room downstairs. There were many visitors to the hospital. They saw the silhouettes and asked questions. Soon there were requests from people who wanted to buy the charming scenes. When Mrs. Presley Walker, an Atlanta artist who had become interested in his work, sent some of his groups to a magazine which promptly sent back a check and a fine letter of praise for his work, Joe's story knew no bounds.

Why, if he couldn't ever go to college and work his way through, as he and dreamed of doing some day when the stiff plaster casts were a thing of the past, he could do something else that was almost as good. He could make enough money to bring college to him! Now that he could earn his own expenses he could take all the extension courses he wanted to take.

It was about this time that he saw a notice which said that Lewis Myers & Co., manufacturers of Valparaiso, Ind., were offering a prize of $50 for the best picture of an outdoor scene.

Joe was afraid that only drawings or paintings would be considered.

He spent hours making pictures in his mind before he even touched his scissors. Then one day he picked up a piece of paper and began to cut. The scissors flew. And presently under the deft fingers of the boy a gorgeous jungle scene began to grow. There was a thick undergrowth fairly bristling with the life of tiny creatures, and above a delicate tracery of vines festooned from tree to tree. There were monkeys swinging on a grapevine rope, and below on a fallen tree trunk a huge panther looked hungrily up.

Everybody in the hospital celebrated when the postman brought the letter which said that Joe had won the first prize in the contest.

CHAMPION STOWAWAY NOW LAMENTS LOT

Becomes Farm Hand Instead of Millionaire.

New York.—The land of opportunity has failed to pan out for Michael Gilhooley, world's champion stowaway. And it wasn't all Mike's fault, either. Mike expected to be worth a fortune by now, eight years after his admittance to this country. Instead he is milking cows and driving a tractor on a farm near Hobart, N. Y.

Only a few years ago virtually everybody in the East knew the story of this immigrant boy. October 17, 1919, Mike—his mother is said to have been killed before his own eyes during the World war—was found hiding among American sailors returning from overseas. This was his fifth trip from Belgium as a stowaway. He seemed determined to claim this country as his own.

Becomes Society Hero.

Each time the freckle-faced youngster arrived in New York city his fame increased until he became the most widely heralded hobo of the high seas. People all over the country clamored for the honor of adopting him. Mike said then that his father died in 1910 and that his mother was killed by a shell from a German airplane at the home in Belgium.

His fifth trip to America succeeded. Mike became a sort of national idol. Newspapers printed columns about him. He was feted by society and lodged in New York city's most aristocratic hotels. The city made him its hero—then suddenly forgot him, as it has so many other heroes of the past.

At the height of his popularity Mrs. Curry, who later married Wallace Thompson, a writer of New York city, was captivated by Mike's freckles, his smile, his red hair, and his determination. She decided to adopt the lad. But the woman ran into financial difficulties, with the result that Charles Bolster, a banker, took Mike in tow. Immigration authorities were satisfied with Bolster's word that he would look after Mike. Bolster is the husband of Madge Kennedy, actress.

For a time all went well, but Mike developed expensive tastes. Mr. Bolster decided it best for the boy to get down to brass tacks and work out his own career. So Mike was sent to a farm near Hobart, and Mr. Bolster sent $25 a week, unknown to Mike, to pay for his keeping. So Mike's dreams of wealth and fame have dwindled down to the daily routine of steering a backfiring tractor and "nursing" cows.

"I wish I had gone into the 'movies,' " Mike says. "Or that I might even be an engineer. But I get awfully homesick for the girls in New York city, and I would like to get back for a good time again. It's certainly quiet here."

Limburger Cheese Cast Out by the German People

Berlin.—Limburger cheese has fallen from grace in democratic Germany, members of the Reichstag Agricultural committee have learned from the flips of prominent cheese manufacturers.

Once the supreme delight of stanch beer garden frequenters, limburger has completely lost caste and is now a drug on the market, the committee was told.

"The public's taste has changed," said one expert. "We are now trying to meet the post-war taste by manufacturing fat-containing hard and soft cheeses along French lines."

Minister of Agriculture Schiele added that economic conditions also were responsible for the change in the public's taste. Following the war there was such a craving for fats that the fatter cheeses were preferred.

Bear Skin Hung on Ship Taken as Call for Aid

Seward, Alaska.—A bear skin hung to dry from the rigging of the boat of a returning hunting party was mistaken here for a distress signal. Scores of launches hastily put under way and scurried out to sea to aid in rescuing the shipwrecked mariners. Close scrutiny revealed the flapping flag to be a gigantic Kodiak bear pelt, the hunters utilizing the salt air and three days trip from hunting grounds to cure the hide.

Fashion Tip

Paris.—Fur skirts are to be au fait next winter, says Paul Poiret.

U. S. Uses 75,000 Cups of Coffee Per Second

St. Louis.—Americans gulp down more than 121,000,000,000 cups of coffee a year, 5,000,000 every hour, or approximately 75,000 every second, At least Cyrus F. Blanke, St. Louis tea and coffee importer, has so concluded after studying beverage consumption figures for the first five months of 1927.

He estimates more than a billion and a half pounds of coffee and something like 106,000,000 pounds of tea will be consumed in appeasing America's 1927 beverage appetite. America's coffee bill to Brazil, which produces about 70 per cent of all coffee, last year exceeded $231,000,000.

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Lesson for July 24

DAVID AND GOLIATH

...N TEXT—I Samuel 17:1-58.
...EN TEXT—The Lord is the ...g of my life, of whom shall I ...
...RT TOPIC—A Boy Overcomes ...
...N TOPIC—A Boy's Brave Deed.
...MEDIATE AND SENIOR ...Why David Was Not Afraid.
...R PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—...ories of Faith.

...e Contending Armies (17:1-3).
...h north side of the Valley of ...e Highlands, stood Saul and ...y, and on the south side stood ...Philistine hosts, eyeing each other ...s. According to an ancient ...the Philistines, having a war-...ing them of great strength, ...decide the war by a combat ...two selected champions. The ...ose champion was slain was ...ject unto the other.

...Champions (17:4-37).
...ath of the Philistines. (a) ...a giant (v. 4), perhaps eleven ...half feet in height. The ap-...e of such a man greatly intimi-...e Israelites. Saul, who once ...ed, made no attempt or effort ...his giant.

...d was filled with proud con-...his size, his panoply of war, ...strength, caused him to be-...t to evil could befall him. His ...eans his mare.

...s was boastful. No doubt ...a much-talked-of man among ...ities. Their possession of ...ms recalled the former ex-...of their nation when Ham-...Israelite giant, wrought such ...belief among them.

...e was defiant. He openly ...e army of Israel—the people ...ed High. That is just like ...ption of Satan's hosts now. ...coming more and more defiant ...God's people, and ultimately ...the Almighty Himself.

...d was scornful. He treated ...ities with the utmost con-...This is what Satan is doing ...ur hearts God's people with ...r contempt.

...id, the Israelite.

...providence of God, David was ...y camp at a time to hear the ...unting of this proud and ...ble Philistine champion. His ...est brethren were in the ...ed his father sent him with ...food for them as well as ...captain. While David was ...with his brothers, Goliath ...appeared. The sight of ...cowardice and lack of zeal ...prompted David to offer his ...Note the character of Da-...

...A mere youth, a stripling ...e was. (b) He was corre-...ges all Israel were afraid, he ...at this task. Besides, he had ...his bravery before in de-...his flock against the lion ...bear. (c) He had a mighty ...e. He trusted that what ...done for him He would do ...(d) He had meekness and self-...This he exhibited in a re-...manner under the gibes of ...ab. (e) He was skilful. He ...as such an expert in the use ...ne that he had absolute con-...the issue of his attack. He ...a blind enthusiast who dis-...the use of means, but was ...se means, and most par-...to what they should be. He ...his storied armor of Saul. ...that God's will for him was ...of faith that which he had ...significant. This is God's ...

...e Battle (vv. 38-48).
...Goliath beheld David coming ...him, he cursed him by his ...gon, Baal, and Astarte, show-...e was not merely a battle ...David and Goliath, but be-...and false religion. David ...ran to meet Goliath. The ...in his sling smote Goliath in ...and he fell to the earth ...face. David went forth in ...of the Lord of hosts—that ...orld might know that there ...God in Israel. The whole earth ...that the battle is not with ...but with those who put ...in God.

...e Victory (vv. 49-58).
...Philistine champion was killed ...ery rooted. This victory is ...of a greater one when the ...Israel, enemy of God and ...e sin, and his army put ...David is thus the type of ...Goliath a type of Satan. ...ehood was turned against ...e, typified that Christ shall ...y weapons against him for ...ruction.

...al of Your Faith

...e trial of your faith, being ...recious than of gold that ...ought to be tried with fire, ...unto praise and honor ...at the appearing of Jesus ...Peter 1:7.

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Southside

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chernault of Lynchburg, visited Mrs. A. B. Ferguson one night last week.

Miss Winifred Coleman, of Lynchburg, who has been staying with her grandma Coleman returned home Friday.

Mr. G. T. Coleman and family, Mr. M. H. Coleman, Mrs. F. H. Henderson and family, and Mrs. R. T. Hollycross and family, all visited in the home of Mrs. A. E. Coleman Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Coleman and daughter, Flora, of Lynchburg, visited his sister, Mrs. A. B. Ferguson Saturday.

Mrs. R. T. Hollycross is on the sick list.

Piney Mountain

Threshing wheat has started. People all around seem to be busy with their gardens, keeping the worms off.

Sam Bingham has returned to Lynchburg after spending his vacation at home.

Doris Barlow is holding a position in town. She has been missed much by her friends.

The young folk of Piney Mountain wish Lawson Lucado to have another party soon.

Richard Hamilton is at home on his vacation.

Miss Madeline Bingham spent last week in Lynchburg with her sister.

The Epworth League of Hermon church is getting along fine. Many of the girls around are attending the Short Course at Hampden-Sidney.

Along David Creek

We had a fine rain which was badly needed, and it seems to put new life in all growing crops. Corn and tobacco looking good. A few more crops of wheat in this section and then the hum of the machine will stop. Wheat seems to be of good quality, but poor turn out.

Miss Fannie Dixon is visiting friends in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Walker Thornhill, of Lynchburg, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Daniel Jamerson.

Mr. John R. Thornhill and wife, of Lynchburg, was the guest of his parents last weekend.

Mr. W. J. Phelps and little grandson, James Williamson, of Newport News, Mrs. Vertie Roupe and Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale and two sons, James and Walker Beal and Mr. Tom Beal were guests of Mrs. W. A. Wells Sunday.

Mr. Royal W. Wells is on sick writing. Mrs. John Harris is still very ill. Mrs. George and Mr. Iverston Stevens and wife, are critically ill.

Miss Olivia Booker who underwent an operation at Lynchburg Baptist Hospital last week is reported to be getting on nicely.

Mrs. Duigiud Christian, of Baltimore, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. John Booker.

Mr and Mrs. E. Balling and little son, were the week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. John Harris.

Mr. Tom Beale and wife, are spending some time with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Beal near Liberty Chapel.

Rev. Burnett filled his appointment at Liberty Chapel Saturday and Sunday, both sermons were fine. A splendid prayer meeting at Liberty Chapel every Sunday night at 8 o'clock. We have good folks to visit us from James River to Appomattox, and some fine Methodists that gives us good talks as well as sweet prayers.

Mr. Sam Coleman, of near Richmonds is visiting his brother Mr. Spurgeon Coleman near here.

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HOME TOWN HENRY

Oakville

The boys and girls who attended the Short Course at Hampden Sidney returned Saturday reported a fine time.

Dorothy Moore of Roanoke, is here visiting her relatives Mr. and Mrs. Eramitt Martin.

Mr. Don Moses of Appomattox conducted the church service at Red Oak Baptist church Sunday July 17, as the pastor could not be present. The service was enjoyed by all.

A lawn party will be given at the school building for the benefit of 4-H Club, Saturday, July 23rd, 1927, beginning at 4 P. M. and lasting until 10. Ice cream, lemonade and cake will be sold. Come! bring your friends and enjoy the evening.

VERA

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Abbitt and family of Newport News, have come to their Vera home for the summer. We are glad to have them with us.

Mrs. C. A. Anderson has returned home from a few weeks' visit to her daughter's in Tazewell.

Mr. Percy Reynolds has gone to Baltimore to seek imployment.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewis, a fine baby boy, named Richard Clark Lewis.

Mrs. George Abbitt has returned home from a weeks' visit in Lynchburg.

Mr. Fisher of Roanoke, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woodson.

Miss Reva Turnes of Pamplin, spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. R. H. Coleman.

Mrs Julia Gunter of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gunter.

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